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1. Between 20 and 27 May 1953, all Chinese Communist supplies for aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) stored in 21 depots between Chennankuan (N 21-58, E 106-41) and P'inghsiang (N 22-06, E 106-44) and between Chiuchou (N 23-01, E 106-24) and Lungpang (N 22-52, E 106-19) were moved by motor vehicles into DRV-held areas. These 21 depots had been converted from civilian residences and were under DRV control. The supplies stored in them, totalling approximately 800 tons, were mainly mortars and shells for 120-mm. field guns.¹
2. After removing the supplies, the DRV withdrew all depot supervisory personnel except those attached to the Chennan² and Aik'ou (7137/0656) depots. At Chennan civilian homes which had been used as depots were returned to their original residents. Automobile spare parts, automobile tires, and gasoline were stored at the Chennan and Aik'ou depots.

25X1 Comment. This tonnage, although extremely high, is considered possible in view of recent reliable evidence that the level of Chinese Communist aid to the DRV has lately been rather sharply increased. However, available information fails to indicate that the Chinese Communists have thus far sent to the DRV any 120-mm. guns or ammunition. Weapons shipped to the DRV are believed to comprise arms up to and including 75-mm. guns and 120-mm. mortars. Possibly this sentence has been garbled in translation.

25X1 Comment. It is not clear whether Chennankuan or Chennan (N 22-09, E 107-07), the former Ningming, is intended.

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